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1. In order to facilitate the entry of troops into Tibet, the Revolutionary Military Council has ordered the Southwest China Military Area Command to employ all army engineers under its command in the construction of highways into Tibet. The major highways in Tsinghai, Sikang, and Tibet have been included as part of the national defense construction project and are scheduled for completion before the end of 1953. They are:
 - a. Northern Sikang - Tibet highway: Chuch'ing (98-46, 32-03)-T'ung'u (98-20, 31-38)-Tsosung (97-57, 31-28)-Ch'angtu (97-07, 31-28)-Lamute (96-54, 31-16)-Tuchiao (土交) -Shihtu (95-52, 30-49)-Tantai'ang (94-45, 30-53)-Chiali (93-23, 30-46)-T'iehao (93-07, 30-01)-Lumaling (92-41, 29-56)-Kechukungch'ia (91-47, 29-51)-Lhasa.
 - b. Southern Sikang - Tibet highway: K'angting (102-02, 30-03)-Anliang (101-11, 30-05)-Tungolo (101-31, 30-04)-Yachiang (101-02, 30-01)-Lihus (100-16, 30-00)-Itun (99-27, 29-43)-Pean (98-56, 30-01)-Mingching (98-30, 29-42)-Lisku (98-18, 30-00)-Ch'aya (98-02, 30-35)-Pachen (巴江) -Ch'angtu. From Ch'angtu it joins the Northern Sikang - Tibet highway.
 - c. Tsinghai - Tibet highway: Yushu (96-52, 31-01)-Hsiliate (西拉特) -Puhaisaier (93-35, 33-17)-Chaitingshulin (92-28, 32-51)-T'angkulenshan (92-27, 32-42)-Heiko (黑科)-Menich (91-56, 31-27)-Wengleshank'ou (玉拉山口)-P'angtoch'eng (91-20, 30-15)-Lhasa.
 - d. Lhasa - Timutsoke highway: Lhasa-Ch'ushui (90-46, 29-25)-Ts'aipaila (察白拉)-Paiti (90-26, 29-09)-Chiangtzu (89-36, 28-57)-Jihk'otse (88-53, 29-15)-Latzu (87-41, 29-09)-Salu (89-36, 28-37)-Sak'a (85-09, 29-30)-T'elatou (84-10, 29-40)-Lak'och'ang (83-05, 30-10)-Pak'o-ch'ih (巴克城)-K'atak'o (80-22, 31-45)-Chihshikang (79-39, 32-31)-Timutsoke.
 - e. Lhasa - K'olitzuitehshank'ou highway: Lhasa-Hsinotech'ing (90-45, 30-00)-Ch'imushaerh (布穆沙尔)-Lolamu (89-53, 30-31)-T'amusach'i (89-12, 30-45)-Hsiengshatsung (香沙宗)-Chiangto (雅乡)-Tengpo (金波)-Tuilaok'opta (85-21, 32-07)-Pohuoshank'ou (波或山口)-Tomila (82-26, 34-09)-Tak'ola (81-08, 30-18)-K'olitzuitehshank'ou (克里桂特山口).

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2. The construction of the Northern Sikang-Tibet and the Southern Sikang-Tibet highways will begin in 1951. The total length is 2,262 kilometers. The Revolutionary Military Council has allotted 200,000,000 catties of millet to cover the initial cost of the project.

3. The Supply and Service Command of the Southwest China Military Area Command has reported that it has six army engineering regiments working on the project; the units are the 2, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 Engineering Regiments. In addition, the 158 and 162 Regiments of the 18 Army and over 18,000 civilian workers are assisting them.

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